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ITEM 8B, MARCH 14, AM AND PM.

BEGIN SUMMARY: SESSIONAL COMMITTEE WENT THROUGH GENERAL DISCUSSION ON ITEM 8B AND GOT STARTED ON DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECTION GC/14/ADD. 2. DISCUSSIONS SHOWED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH "BALANCE" OF PROGRAM, BUT MANY DELEGATES SAW NEED FOR BETTER INFORMATION IN DECISION MAKING PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

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1. FACED WITH NEED TO COVER ENTIRE PROGRAM IN MAXIMUM

4 DAYS DISCUSSION, CHAIRMAN MARTIN HOLDGATE (U.K.) FIRMLY GUIDED BEST PART OF FIRST DAY'S DISCUSSION TO QUESTIONS RELATING TO OVERALL PROGRAM BALANCES AND GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

2. AT REQUEST OF HOLDGATE, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROSCH DESCRIBED "PROGRAM ACTIVITY CENTERS" ABOUT WHICH U.S. DEL AND SEVERAL OTHERS HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS DURING PREVIOUS DAY'S PLENARY DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO FROSCH, PROGRAM ACTIVITY CENTERS WILL BE MEANS BY WHICH UNEP ACQUIRES LEVERAGE AND CARRIES OUT COORDINATING ROLE WHILE KEEPING NAIROBI STAFF SMALL. ONCE PARTICULAR PROGRAM ADVANCES TO STAGE WHERE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN CAN BE IDENTIFIED, UNEP WOULD DESIGNATE SOME INSTITUTION AND INDIVIDUAL WHICH WOULD BE SUITABLE "HOME" FOR CARRYING OUT WORK, INCLUDING BUDGET PLANNING AND INFORMATION.

3. REASONABLY WIDE VARIETY OF VIEWS THEN WERE EXPRESSED BY DELEGATES FROM ARGENTINA, SWEDEN, SENEGAL, AUSTRALIA USA, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, ECOSOC, IRAN, INDONESIA, JAMAICA, ITALY, AUSTRIA. ONE NON GC MEMBER, PORTUGAL, SPOKE AT END. VIEWS LARGELY REPETITION THOSE EXPRESSED IN PLENARY GENERAL DEBATE.

4. AT CONCLUSION THIS FIRST STAGE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON DISCUSSIONS, HOLDGATE GAVE INFORMAL SUMMING-UP, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. MOST DELEGATES CONSIDERED PROGRAM BALANCE NEEDED A DEGREE OF ADJUSTMENT AND WOULD INDICATE THEIR VIEWS ON EXPANSION OR CONTRACTION AS SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MOVED THROUGH PROGRAMS IN DETAIL.

B. CERTAIN HORIZONTAL THEMES RAN THROUGH DELEGATES' PRESENTATIONS, SUCH AS MAKING PROGRAMS BENEFIT MAN, MAKING SURE UNEP PROGRAMS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF MORE INFORMATION IN DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

C. MANY DELEGATES WISHED TO EXPAND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WITH PRIORITY TO HUMAN BEINGS AND HUMAN HEALTH.

D. ADDITIONAL ATTENTION NEEDED TO WHOLESOME WATER SUPPLIES.

E. DESERTIFICATION AND SOILS NEED MORE ATTENTION.

F. DELEGATES SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN LIVING
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RESOURCES OF SEA, GENETIC RESOURCES, PRE-INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND WHOLE RANGE OF ECO-DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, AND INTEREST IN CLIMATIC FACTORS.

G. DELEGATES SHOWED INTEREST IN CERTAIN PROGRAMS AT REGIONAL LEVEL.

H. DELEGATES SHOWED WIDE SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITY CENTERS, IN SPITE OF QUESTIONS RAISED BY US, JAPAN AND OTHERS.

I. THERE IS NEED TO DEVELOP CERTAIN PROGRAMS IN WAY SIMILAR

TO THAT DONE FOR FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMS.

J. MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES
OF OTHER PARTS OF UN SYSTEM.

K. THERE IS SOME SUPPORT FOR ALL NINE AREAS SUGGESTED BY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS AREAS OF CONCENTRATION.

5. HOLDGATE WRAPPED UP DISCUSSIONS, ASKING THAT DELEGATES
IN THEIR FORTHCOMING DETAILED DISCUSSIONS TO KEEP IN MIND
THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT EACH SUBJECT AREA: (A) WHAT IS ITS RELE-
VANCE TO HUMAN SITUATION,
(B) WHAT IS ITS URGENCY AND (C) HOW WOULD IT BE IMPLEMENTED.
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